

ARE AHEAD
OF SCHEDULEYankee Ships Heard From Off
Pacific Coast

AN ASTONISHING FEAT

Ships Are in Perfect Condition and Will Be Ready for Record Practice Immediately, Comes the Message.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—The receipt of a wireless dispatch from the United States representative with Admiral Evans' fleet through 1,400 miles of air is regarded by officials of the navy department as one of the most remarkable feats of wireless telegraphy yet accomplished. No news of the fleet was expected for at least a day or two and the fact that direct communication had been established between the Georgia and the wireless station at Pensacola was a matter of astonishment.

This dispatch was picked up at the wireless station at Pensacola and transmitted by regular lines to the navy department here, where it was turned over to the Washington bureau of the United Press.

The dispatch was as follows: United States battleship Georgia, by wireless, via Pensacola, Fla., March 8.—At 8 p. m. the position of the battleship fleet was, latitude 14.37 north, longitude 102.01 west. We shall arrive at Magdalena Bay, March 12, two days ahead of schedule time. We are fine. Speed now 10 1/2 knots. Ships in perfect condition and will be ready for record practice immediately.

Vallejo, Cal., March 8.—The first communication which the Pacific coast has had with Admiral Evans' fleet was established through the cruiser St. Louis early yesterday.

Commander Usher of the St. Louis is at Magdalena Bay for target practice. A message was taken by the St. Louis from the Connecticut, showing that the fleet was steaming at a regular rate 1,800 miles south of Magdalena. The message was repeated from the St. Louis to stations on this coast, and was picked up at Mare Island at 3:30 o'clock this morning. All stations along the coast are endeavoring to make the best record for communication with the fleet.

MESSAGE AT PT. LOMA.

Men Will Be Given a Warm Reception When They Arrive.

San Diego, Cal., March 9.—Point Loma wireless station at 10:30 o'clock yesterday received a dispatch for the navy department which had been sent from Admiral Evans on board his flagship, the Connecticut, which with the remainder of the battleships comprising the Atlantic squadron left Callao, Peru, for Magdalena Bay on February 28. Nothing could be learned as to the contents of the message.

The men of the fleet are likely to find an unexpected welcome waiting them at Magdalena Bay. It is said Mexican traders have established tent bazaars of all descriptions. Amusement managers have also seized the opportunity that the shore line offers, when the ships left Hampton Roads, Magdalena Bay was looked forward to as an uninterrupted waste of sand with an occasional Indian hut far inland as the only sign of human habitation. The overnight shops, theatres, and dancing pavilions therefore will come as a distinct surprise.

There is strong likelihood, however, of keen disappointment for some of the promoters of the tent city for the plans of the cruise do not call for any material amount of shore leave for the sailors at Magdalena Bay. The play days of the men on foreign shores ended with the hoisting of anchors at Callao.

Target practice is the most important work the fleet now has before it, and target practice means real work for every man aboard. When target work and battle drills are over the task of cleaning ship and sprucing up for proceeding to American ports awaits the sailors.

Upon their arrival at San Diego the officers and the men of the fleet will set the first notes of a welcome that will ring throughout the entire West. San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco, which will be visited in the order named, are vying with one another in their plans for entertaining the fleet. They seem to realize that Port of Spain, Rio, Punta Arenas and Callao have set a mark for hospitality which will be difficult to surpass, but the return to native shores will be marked by the most elaborate receptions and demonstrations that citizens of the coast can devise.

DEFINITELY SETTLED.

That Secretary Taft Will Visit Vermont the Coming May.

St. Albans, March 9.—Secretary Taft has definitely decided to visit Vermont in May as the guest of the Vermont branch of the American National Red Cross society. A public meeting will be held at Burlington at that time, the exact date to be fixed soon by the secretary.

DESPERATE CONVICTS
ON MURDER BENT

Three Men Tried to Escape From Montana Penitentiary Yesterday—A Terrible Fight Ensued.

Deer Lodge, Mont., March 9.—Warden Frank Conley of the Montana penitentiary was severely wounded yesterday, and Assistant Warden John Robinson was killed, by three convicts, George Rock, W. H. Hayes and another, who tried to escape prison.

Robinson's throat was cut and the jugular vein was severed. Conley's throat was gashed and he was stabbed several times in the shoulder and groin before he was able to draw his revolver and shoot down Hayes and Rock, who were armed with pocket knives. It is believed that the warden will recover.

The three convicts were taken to the office of the penitentiary by Deputy Warden Robinson, to be tried before Warden Conley for some infraction of the prison rules. Hayes had for several months been a "trusty" and served as turnkey. He was placed in the same cell with Rock, who was regarded as a desperate man.

DIED SUDDENLY.

Dr. D. B. St. J. Roosa, Formerly at the University of Vermont.

New York, March 9.—Dr. Daniel B. St. John Roosa, one of the founders and the only president of the New York post-graduate medical school and hospital, died suddenly yesterday from heart disease at his home, Dr. Roosa had seemed in his usual health when he arose but shortly after was overcome by an attack and died in a few minutes.

He was born in Bethel, N. Y., April 1, 1839, and after an early education in the academies in Monticello, N. Y., and Harrisburg, Pa., entered Yale, but was obliged to leave college on account of ill health. He continued his studies under a tutor and entered the medical department of the city of New York and later at the university of Vermont. After the foundation of the New York post-graduate medical school and hospital in 1883, Dr. Roosa became its president and professor of diseases of the eye and ear. He was the author of several valuable treatises on the eye and ear.

IS PESSIMISTIC
OVER PANAMA CANAL

Former Chief Engineer Stevens Says It Will Be a Failure and a Great Burden.

New Haven, Conn., March 9.—John F. Stevens, vice-president of the New Haven railroad and former chief engineer of the Panama canal, expressed the belief that the big ditch will be a failure and a great burden to this country. He declares it will be of no great commercial value to us when completed, of no use in our trade with South America, and declares that the idea of a canal being of advantage in time of war is absurd as it will not facilitate the movement of fleets from one coast to another sufficiently to be of service in quick action required in war times, and will be a source of expense and trouble by reason of the necessity of defending it by land and sea. Based on the income of the Suez canal, he says, it will not earn enough in many years to cover expenses and will be a far greater advantage to European countries than to ourselves. He fixes the date of completion at 1915.

ACCUSED OF PERJURY.

Sunshine and Cohen of New York Were Arrested Last Night.

New York, March 9.—Charles Sunshine and Michael Cohen, who made the canvases to secure signatures to a petition for a change of venue in the trials of John G. Jenkins and his three sons, the Brooklyn bankers, were arrested last night and held in \$2,000 bail each for a hearing on the charge of perjury. Both have been indicted.

The Jenkins were to have been tried in February in Kings county, but Saturday secured a change of venue on the ground that a fair trial could not be had in Brooklyn. In opposing the change, the district attorney alleged that the petition was fraudulent and that perjury had been committed in the affidavits attached to the petition.

STOESSEL'S SENTENCE
IS COMMUTED

Russian Who Surrendered Port Arthur Will Probably Be Given Full Pardon Later.

St. Petersburg, March 9.—The czar has commuted the sentence of death, imposed against General Stoessel for surrendering Port Arthur to ten years imprisonment in fortress and it is expected that a full pardon will follow. Stoessel has never enjoyed good health since the hardships of the siege.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

All those taking part in "My Aunt's Affairs," will meet with Mrs. Robert Ingalls, Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Please note the change in date.

George Wetmore, who for two years has been acting pastor in the Methodist Wesleyan church at Cadyville, N. Y., has given up that work and is moving with his family to his farm in Holden.

BODY FROZEN
INTO THE ICEJohn McGleury Met Death
Six Weeks Ago Probably

AT POULTNEY RACE COURSE

Remains Found Yesterday by a Small Boy Who Was Playing on the Fair Grounds—Was a Quarry Worker.

Poultney, March 9.—Frozen solid in the ice which had formed in a pool of water under the judges' stand at the race track, where he apparently wandered six weeks ago and fell asleep while intoxicated, the body of John McGleury, aged 30, was found yesterday by 12-year-old William Pushee, who was playing on the fair grounds.

The man had laid aside a heavy overcoat, but wore a heavy sweater. In his condition, it is supposed, he failed to notice the falling temperature and death resulted. The body was viewed by Health Officer William Nathaniel and brought to an undertaker's establishment, where it was placed in a warm room to thaw out.

McGleury had lived for many years at South Poultney, being employed as a quarry worker. He was not married, and so far as is known had no relatives in this vicinity. He was known to be a hard drinker.

HAS DISAPPEARED.

Jack Tipper Went Away From Sheldon Springs on February 21.

Sheldon Springs, March 9.—It has just been learned that Jack Tipper left home on February 21, and his friends do not know his whereabouts.

NOW SORRY FOR ACT
BUT PERHAPS TOO LATE

Earl Howard of West Woodstock Repri-manded for Smoking Shot Himself in the Abdomen—May Not Recover.

Woodstock, March 9.—Earl Howard, the 17-year-old son of Frank M. Howard of West Woodstock, attempted suicide about nine o'clock Sunday morning by shooting and is in a critical condition. His mother found him smoking earlier in the morning and scolded him. This angered the boy and he went upstairs, got a revolver, loaded it and aiming at his abdomen fired. He then came down stairs, undressed and got into bed.

Dr. J. G. of Hanover, N. H., was called yesterday afternoon and assisted by local physicians dressed the wound, but the bullet was not located.

The boy says he is sorry for the act, but otherwise seems indifferent to his fate.

SHOT IN THE BACK
BY COMPANION

Waldo Shadd Was Perhaps Fatally Injured While Hunting Rabbits in Albany Yesterday.

Albany, March 9.—Waldo M. Shadd was shot, perhaps fatally, while hunting rabbits yesterday with Clarence Martin, the latter's gun being accidentally discharged and the charge entering Shadd's back. The victim was taken to Brightbrook hospital in St. Johnsbury. No operation has been performed, as Shadd is so low. Shadd is 29 and Martin is 17 years old.

TO EXPEND \$3,000.

White River Junction Will Install New Fire Alarm System.

White River Junction, March 9.—The work of installing a fire alarm system in this village will be begun at once. At the adjourned annual meeting held last week, it was voted to install ten boxes together with an adequate bell, and four boxes in the homes of fire company officers. It is estimated that the cost of the plant will be \$3,000. The cost of the bell and where it should be located, was left to the decision of the committee.

POLICE INTERFERED.

Was Holding of Meeting Scheduled in Chicago Last Night.

Chicago, March 9.—An attempt by members of the Social Science league to hold a meeting last night in the Masonic Temple was frustrated by the police. Some 300 members of the society gathered in expectation of hearing a speech by Emma Goldman not knowing that permission to hold the meeting had been denied by the agent of the building. Upon refusal by some of the disappointed ones to disperse ten police cleared the hall.

LITTLETON IN NEW ROLE.

Appears For Electric Boat Company Before House Committee.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—Martin W. Littleton, chief counsel for Harry Thaw, appeared today before the investigating committee of the House as one of the attorneys for the Electric Boat Co. of New Jersey, charged with using improper influence to secure submarine legislation.

NO AUTHORITY TO CHANGE.

Montpelier City Council Discusses Hospital Appropriation.

A special meeting of the Montpelier city council was held Saturday evening, at which M. E. Smiley, president of the trustees of Heaton hospital, and A. J. Silbey and F. A. Sherburne, trustees of that institution, met the council to discuss the acceptance of the \$3,000 voted at the annual city meeting in aid of the hospital with the string attached that the dors of the hospital shall be open to all physicians in the state who have a license to practice.

The aspects of the case were informally discussed, but no action was taken except to refer the whole matter over to the city attorney and the committee on charities and corrections from the city council, composed of Aldermen Volholm, Butler and Deady, they report at a subsequent meeting.

It was made plain that the city council has no authority to change in any way the resolution adopted by the annual city meeting that appropriated this money which must be done, if at all, by a special city meeting, the matter is creating no end of discussion and it is probable that a special city meeting will be called to take up the matter. The resolution appropriating this money was rushed through the city meeting after most of the voters had left the hall, and those who did vote on it did not realize that they were voting for anything only the usual hospital appropriation.

WERE SATISFACTORY.

Montpelier School Buildings Examined By Fire Chief.

Chief Engineer John Wahlen of the Montpelier fire department with Assistant Engineers E. B. Gilbert and Ned A. Alexander made a thorough examination Saturday afternoon of the public school buildings of the city to ascertain if the law on fire protection is complied with. At the Union school and East State street buildings they found conditions excellent. All the doors in these buildings either swing both ways or outward. The halls are wide, every room above the first floor is provided with a fire escape and the children in all the rooms in both buildings are frequently put through fire drills at unexpected times.

At St. Michael's parochial school the same proper conditions are found with the exception of two doors that swing inward and on the suggestion of the fire department, officials changes in these doors will be at once made. Each floor of this building has four exits and fire drills that empty the structure in from one to two minutes are frequently held at uncertain times.

ASKS PUBLIC TRIAL FOR DAY.

Methodist Accuser Says Chancellor May Want Secret Hearing.

Brandon, March 9.—The Rev. George A. Cooke, pastor of the Methodist church of this town, who has brought charges against the Rev. Dr. James A. Day, chancellor of Syracuse university, on the ground that the chancellor has defamed the character of President Roosevelt, said yesterday that he would insist on a public trial of the charges.

"Charges of this nature," said Dr. Cooke, "should be aired in open court, and I shall not consent to any secret chamber hearing. I am of the opinion that Chancellor Day will probably ask for a secret trial, as he knows all the tricks of the game."

Dr. Cooke said that his charges were in five specifications, all based on extracts from Chancellor Day's book, "The Road to Prosperity," and in these extracts, he says, Chancellor Day has violated the rule of the Methodist Episcopal church which forbids the defamation of magistrates.

BUCKING A SNOW DRIFT.

Railroad Train Came to Grief "Up North" Saturday.

Swanton, March 9.—The Canada Atlantic passenger train, Conductor Mars, westbound yesterday morning, was wrecked two miles this side of Noyan Junction at a point on the road known to the trainmen as "fancy corners." Engineer Albert Weston was badly scalded about the legs by steam but the rest of the crew and a woman passenger escaped injury after being badly shaken up.

In trying to break through a snow drift under a good rate of speed, the pilot engine under the locomotive which headed for the fields and it landed on its side at a wire fence. The baggage and second class car took the diten, and the rear trucks of the first class coach remained on the rails. It is considered remarkable that more of the train crew were not injured.

WAS PATIENT SUFFERER.

Wallace Hunter Died After Long Illness With Consumption.

Northfield, March 9.—The funeral of Wallace Hunter was held yesterday afternoon at his late home on Union street, the Rev. E. W. Sharpe officiating. The body was placed in the tomb at Elmwood. The Masonic burial service was held at the tomb by the officers of Summit Lodge of Williamstown, of which lodge he was a member, assisted by De Witt Clinton Lodge, No. 19, of this town. A delegation from the Williamstown lodge of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and Stone Cutters union escorted the body to the cemetery. Mr. Hunter died on Friday after a long illness from consumption, during which time he was a patient sufferer. He leaves a widow and two children.

ELECTED SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

Northfield School District Also Voted a 70-cent Tax.

Northfield, March 9.—The annual school meeting of the town school district was held in village hall on Saturday morning. The school directors elected were W. W. Holden and S. P. Staples. A tax of 70 cents was raised, 5 per cent of which is to be applied on the permanent debt.

The adjourned town meeting was held at the same place in the afternoon. Five hundred dollars was appropriated for the Brown Public Library, \$150 for the Northfield Cornet Band, and \$150 was voted the village of Northfield toward purchasing a chemical engine.

NO CHANGE IN
SITUATIONTie-up in Granite Industry
Enters on Second Week

NO SIGN OF SETTLEMENT

Men Begin Their Daily Registering to Draw Strike Pay from To-day on—Will Require Nearly \$12,000 Weekly in Barre.

The tie-up of the granite industry in Barre and surrounding towns entered upon its second week to-day, without any apparent change in situation from what it was last Monday. The committee of gentlemen who attended the meeting of the executive committee of the National Association at Boston last week reported to the committees from the Manufacturers' Association at a meeting held Saturday afternoon. No action was taken on the report, the manufacturers' say, but it is hoped something may come out of the meeting.

Members of the cutters, polishers' and tool sharpeners' unions began registering at the headquarters of each this morning in order that they may secure strike pay beginning with to-day. Each member of the unions must register each day from now on until the suspension of work ends, in order to receive this pay, which amounts to \$1 a day and will be paid weekly. In the neighborhood of 2,000 men in Barre will be entitled to draw strike pay, which means \$12,000 will have to be sent into Barre from national headquarters every week as long as the tie-up continues. In addition to this, the granite cutters' union men in Montpelier, Waterbury, Northfield and Williams' own also begin drawing pay with to-day.

The granite cutters in Barre register in Miles' hall, while the tool sharpeners and polishers register at their respective halls in the Nichols' block.

IMPORTANT SALE.

Chelsea Livery Stable Property is Bought By David G. Adams.

Chelsea, March 9.—On Saturday an important deal was consummated where David G. Adams, became proprietor of the Chelsea livery property which has been owned and successfully conducted for the past two years by "Tom" G. Dearborn. The retiring proprietor purchased the property and business of Mrs. Mary L. Dickinson, widow, of the estate of her husband, the late C. P. Dickinson, about two years ago, since which time he has conducted a thoroughly up to date livery business. Many friends here regret to have him and his family leave town as they purpose to do. Mr. Dearborn proposing to engage in the livery business elsewhere. Mr. Adams the new proprietor is well and favorably known in town, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O. Adams, who five got beyond control, the hotel, hotel is a hustler and will doubtless keep the livery up to its present high standard and give the public a good service and square deal as has his predecessor.

Large Fire Threatened.

Between nine and ten o'clock Saturday evening fire was discovered by Everett Spear over the office to the hotel livery stable, where the pipe passed through the floor. Mr. Spear gave the alarm immediately and a short order two men with fire extinguishers put out the fire which was said to be within six feet of a mow of straw. Had the fire not been discovered until a few minutes later, a serious conflagration could not have been averted. The wind was in the right quarter so that had the fire got beyond control, the hotel, hotel stable, D. G. Adams' livery, H. O. Bixby's store and the dwellings of F. J. Titus, F. G. Dearborn, L. H. Thompson, Dr. F. H. Godfrey and M. E. Hutehinson would undoubtedly have been prey of the flames.

CONGRESSMAN MEYER DEAD.

Was an Officer in the Civil War and Represented Louisiana.

New Orleans, La., March 9.—Congressman Adolph Meyer died here yesterday. Mr. Meyer had been too ill to attend Congress for several months. Heart failure was the immediate cause of death. He had served Congress continuously since the 52d session, to which he was elected from the first district of Louisiana.

Mr. Meyer was 63 years old. He served on the staff of Brigadier-General T. S. Williams of Kentucky in the Civil war, rising to the rank of assistant adjutant-general.

NEEDED FOR MEDICINE.

So Whiskey, Taken in Raid Was Returned to Winoski Drugist.

Burlington, March 9.—The matter of the recent seizure of a pint and a half of whiskey from the store of Shanley & Estey in Winoski was disposed of Saturday by Justice J. A. Macomber, the liquor being ordered returned. The testimony in the case was put in a week ago, the defense being that many preparations call for whiskey and that it is a common ingredient of cough medicines. F. L. Graves and T. E. Hopkins appeared for the defendants.

SOUTH BARRE.

The members of the P. H. C. will give a two-act farce at the Universalist church Tuesday evening, March 10, beginning at eight o'clock. Admission 10 cents.

TOO WEAK TO STAND.

So Joe Rogers' Horse Dropped in Tracks and Was Shot—Joe Arrested.

Joseph Rogers was arrested at midnight Saturday night while he was making futile attempts to get to his feet again a horse that was so old and poor that it had fallen in its tracks from exhaustion while Rogers was leading it home after having purchased it a few hours before. It is said, for a two dollar bill. The horse had staggered along as far as the City building on Main street when its legs gave out and it went down in a heap.

Rogers and several men who had been attracted to the scene tried to lift the animal to its feet, but the beast was too weak to stand and Deputy Sheriff H. J. Slayton then put it out of its misery with his revolver. Officer Gamble took Rogers into custody for being intoxicated and in the city court this morning Rogers pleaded guilty to a subsequent offense and was sentenced to the county jail for 30 days.

Archibald Leith was arrested for intoxication Saturday night by Chief Faulkner. When arraigned this morning, Leith pleaded guilty to a first offense and went to the county jail for 20 days in default of payment of his fine.

HAD LONG ILLNESS.

Mrs. George W. English Died at Montpelier Saturday Night.

Mrs. George W. English, wife of the janitor of the Kellogg-Hubbard library in Montpelier, died at eleven o'clock Saturday night after being ill for a year and a half. She had an operation at the Heaton hospital some time ago and was apparently somewhat improved, when she contracted a cold. Since that time her condition has been very low, death having been expected.

Mrs. English was born in Cabot 56 years ago the 20th of this month. She was married 34 years ago. She leaves her husband, one son, James M., and three daughters, Alice and Agnes, who reside at home, and Mrs. Clifford Bessett of Richmond, also two sisters residing in Marshfield and a brother living in Plainfield. The funeral will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, the Rev. J. Edward Wright officiating. The body will be placed in the tomb at Green Mount cemetery.

ASKS \$5,000 DAMAGE
IN ALIENATION CASE

Warren Parties Mixed Up in Alleged Scandal—Defendant, Frank Carlton, Is in County Jail.

A suit for alienation of affections has been brought by E. O. Oster vs. Frank Carlton, both parties residing in the town of Warren, and the case will come up for trial at the coming term of court. Carlton was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Lawson Saturday and when told what the nature of the case was denied any wrong relations with the plaintiff's wife. Oster claims damages of \$5,000. Bail was fixed at \$5,000, but the defendant is now in the county jail, not having been able to furnish that amount.

NEW HOTEL READY.

The Otis Will Open for Business Tomorrow Morning.

Barre's third hotel, the new Hotel Otis on Pearl street, will be opened for business to-morrow and complete arrangements have been made for the accommodation of the transient public. The building has been entirely refitted and refitted from top to bottom and nearly everything is new.

The ground-floor room next North Main street has been finished for an office and the next room is the public dining-room and at the back the kitchen. There are 25 sleeping rooms newly furnished on the second and third floors. Landlord Hale has engaged H. T. Grace of Fair Haven to act as manager of the hotel. Mr. Grace has six years' hotel experience in the hotels of New York and Connecticut. The house will be run on the American plan only.

WILL RETURN WITH BRIDE.

Dr. Percy L. Templeton Didn't Tell His Friends When He Left Montpelier.

When Dr. Percy L. Templeton of Montpelier left that city last Saturday night for Lowell, Mass., he didn't acquaint his friends with the fact that he expected to return with a bride. But he will. He quietly took out a marriage license at the Montpelier city clerk's office just before the train left, giving the name of his proposed bride, a Miss D. Sargent. She formerly resided in the town of Glover, where the doctor used to practice his profession. They will reside at 38 Loomis street.

SPENCER—HAMMOND.

Barre Young Woman Married to Marshfield Man.

Miss Myrtle H. Hammond of this city and Benjamin O. Spencer of Marshfield were united in marriage Saturday evening by the Rev. L. F. Fortney at his home in Plainfield. The bride has been teaching school in Plainfield this winter, but was formerly employed as a bookkeeper for C. R. Scott & company. Her former home was in Zanesville, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer will reside in Marshfield for the present.

SCHEDULE IS FILED.

Of the Firm of A. S. Bird & Son Before Referee Thurlait.

Schedule of the firm of A. S. Bird & Son, involuntary petition, has been filed with Referee W. N. Thurlait of Montpelier, showing liabilities of \$7,553.42 and assets of \$10,754.93, of which \$3,706 is claimed as exempt. Among the liabilities are \$190.42 in wages. Of the claims \$3,325 is secured and \$3,825 is unsecured. Among the assets are \$1,310 in granite stock and \$200 in real estate. Most of the creditors are Barre people. The firm is one of the older of the granite manufacturing concerns of the city.

HAMEL BACK
ON THE FORCE

Appointed Patrolman to Succeed Peter D. Thom

WHO WASN'T TALL ENOUGH

Latter Resigned Saturday Afternoon—There Is Talk That Committee on Salaries May Cut Various Officials' Salaries.

In order to unravel the tangle due to his appointment as policeman when he did not meet the ordinance five feet, eight inches, requirement by a single inch, Peter Thom, who was appointed to the place last Tuesday, resigned Saturday afternoon, and the resignation was accepted by Mayor Robbins. The mayor then appointed Frank Hamel to fill the emergency demand, and the latter went back onto his old beat, from which he was removed when Thom was appointed to his place. The aldermen, by a vote of three to three, had failed to confirm Hamel.

Since the removal of Hamel from the force Tuesday, there has been considerable criticism of the vote among citizens who believed that Hamel was a good officer and that he deserved reappointment. It is not known whether Mayor Robbins will again send his name before the aldermen for confirmation, but it is thought that if he does, the appointment will be confirmed.

Patrolman Thom's letter of resignation is as follows: "To the honorable mayor and city council—Gentlemen: Learning that certain clauses in the revised city ordinances might provoke a discussion of my eligibility to serve as city patrolman and not wishing to create any discussion or acrimony in the public opinion of our city, I herewith tender my resignation as patrolman, the same to take effect immediately. "I wish to extend to you my expression of good will and hearty thanks for your cordial support in my appointment, but my sense of duty as a citizen compels me to do this. "Very respectfully, "Peter D. Thom."

There has been quite a change in the make-up of the special police force this year, a number of the former officers not having been appointed this far. A fifth regular has not been appointed either, and perhaps will not be. G. C. Richardson was the fifth officer during the last year, the others remaining the same.

The chief officers of the fire department are regretting the refusal of the aldermen to confirm the appointment of W. E. Beck as first assistant engineer, Will Stow and E. M. Tobin were promoted when the aldermen failed to confirm Beck, but they have not yet qualified for their new positions. If they do not qualify, it is said that the old officers will hold over, which would continue Beck as first assistant engineer, and Stow and Tobin in their old places. Beck has been with the department thirteen years.

Overseer of the Poor Shurtleff has also failed to qualify this far. The effort to reduce the expenditures of the municipality may result in the cutting down of some of the salaries, there having been quite a lot of talk to that effect. The salaries committee, Aldermen Thurston, Williams and Alexander, will report their recommendations soon, perhaps at the regular meeting to-morrow evening.

FIRE IN SMOKE HOUSE

Called Chemical Engine Out Yesterday Forenoon.

The chemical engine was called by telephone alarm to Charles street yesterday forenoon to extinguish a fire in Frank Cragg's fish smoking house. A double hitch was put on the apparatus, and the four horses went up the Washington street hill at a trot. One chemical tank was emptied on the burning building, but as it did not prove sufficient to snuff out the fire, one stream of water was used. The blaze was quickly put out then. The interior of the building, which is a small affair, was considerably charred, but the money loss is small. There is no insurance. Mr. Cragg does not know how the blaze started. The last time the building was used by him was Saturday morning, and he supposed that everything was all right.

THE LADDER SLIPPED.

John L. Dix Was On It and He Received a Bad Fall.

John L. Dix met with a painful accident Saturday night about 6 o'clock. While standing on a ladder shoveling snow from off the roof of his house at 14 French street, the ladder slipped and Mr. Dix fell some fifteen feet or more to the icy sidewalk. He was assisted into the house and Dr. Joe W. Jackson was summoned. It was at first thought that Mr. Dix had broken his ankle, but after a thorough examination it was discovered that he had only received a severe sprain. Mr. Dix will probably be able to be about in a week's time, and at his place in Dix & Coleman's store.

TO-NIGHT IN BARRE.

Regular meeting, granite cutters' union, Miles hall. Wonderful pictures, Hie's pavilion. Theatrical pictures, 40 Main st. Basket ball, Goddard vs. Montpelier high boys and Goddard vs. M. H. S. girls (in Montpelier).